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By the King.

A Proclamation for Buildings, in and about London.

He Kings moſt excellent Maieſtie ſeeing of what neceſſary vſe Timber is, aſwel for the maintenance of the Shipping and Nauie of this Realme, being a principall meane for the defence thereof, As for building, and other needfull vſes: And vnderſtanding withall, how much and how extraordinarily the ſame hath bene and is decayed and conſumed in all parts of this Realme, Inſo much as in the very Citie of London (being the principall Citie of this Realme) they are now dayly driuen to builde with Beech, and other like kinde of Timber, being of ſmall continuance, which in time will be (if the ſame bee not preuented) the notorious perill and decay of the ſame Citie: Doeth therefore ſtraightly charge and command, that aſwell all Statutes and Lawes heretofore made, and now in force, for the preſeruation of Timber, As that alſo concerning Inmates, and the erecting and continuing of Cottages, bee from henceforth duely and exactly put in execution. Forbidding withall, that none bee ſo hardy vpon paine of contempt, and his Maieſties high diſpleaſure, as to conuert any part of any Tree, that may ſerue for any vſe of Timber, to any Coale or Firewood. And for the better preſeruation of Timber, and to auoyd the vnneceſſary conſumption thereof, His Maieſtie alſo ſtraightly chargeth and commandeth, That betweene this and the feaſt of S. Michael the Archangel next comming, no new houſe be built within the ſame City of London, or the Suburbs thereof, or within one mile of the ſame Suburbs, contrary to the Proclamations in that behalfe herertofore made. And that from and after the ſaid feaſt of S. Michael the Archangel, no perſon ſhall build or erect any new Houſe, or the forefront of any Houſe in any new building, where any former building was, within the ſame City or Suburbs, or within one mile of the ſaid Suburbs, except all the vtter walls and windowes thereof, and the forefront of the ſame be wholly made of Bricke, or Bricke and ſtone, And the forefront thereof in euery reſpect ſhall be made of that vniforme order and forme, as ſhall be preſcribed vnto them for that Streete where ſuch Building ſhall happen to bee, by the chiefe Magiſtrates of the ſame Citie, being within the City and the Liberties thereof, and being out of the Citie by ſuch Juſtices of the Peace or other Magiſtrates, as haue the gouernment in that place, vpon pa'ne to bee fined and imprſoned for the ſame, by order of the Court of Starchamber.

And to the end that ſome fitting and orderly courſe may be taken and ſet downe for vniformitie to bee kept in euery Street, where ſuch Buildings ſhall be, His Maieſtie purpoſeth to direct out his Commiſſion to diſcreet and ſkilfull perſons, to conſider of, and ſet downe ſome fit Orders and direction for the ſame. And his Maieſtie further expreſſely chargeth & commandeth all Maiors, Juſtices of the Peace, Conſtables, Stewards of Leets and Lawdayes, and all others his Maieſties louing Subiects, to whom it ſhall or may appertaine, carefully to looke into, and execute the premiſſes, and not to permit or ſuffer any thing to bee done contrary to the true intent and meaning of this Proclamation. And that they take order that ſuch offenders or workemen, as ſhall perſiſt in doing any thing to the contrary thereof after admonition to them in that behalfe to be giuen, be bound to appeare in the ſaid Court of Starchamber at the next ſitting day of the ſame Court, there to bee proceeded againſt as contemners of his Maieſties expreſſe commandement, Proclamation and Prerogatiue Royal.

Giuen at Theobalds the firſt day of March, in the ſecond yeere of his Maieſties raigne of Great Britaine &c.

God ſaue the King.

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